

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All our Readers



## Osmotherley Area Messenger

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### ★ Osmotherley Star Light, Shine Bright

The Community Group and St Peter's are organising a special starry Christmas this year (see below). We wondered if we could complement this by making the village shine even more brightly than usual this December to bring some light to the end of what has been a dark year for so many. Villages in the Midlands have put decorations up early to try to help combat mental health issues, loneliness, give a sense of community and to thank Key Workers.

It would be great if we could do the same. Our villages always looks fabulous and bring a smile when the Christmas lights are on. To make our villages sparkle, if you have outdoor Christmas Lights, could they be lit up from the start of December? Can windows be lit up ready to receive decorated stars? If you need help to put out your lights please contact the Village Support Network (details on page 4) and we will do our best to find a willing volunteer to help.

Let's have a go!

### ★ News from St Peter's ★

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that St Peter's continues to be at the heart of our community, this year there is no denying that 2020 has been a challenge. December will be no different! What follow are our plans for the coming weeks but of course everything is subject to change so we hope you will bear with us.

**Open for private prayer and reflection** - St Peter's will be open on Wednesday December 9th and 16th, and Sunday December 13th between 2pm and 4pm.

**ADVENT - Our service for Advent Sunday (November 29th) had to be postponed due to lockdown . However, St Peter's will be open on this day for individuals to begin their own Christmas journey. The Advent wreath will be lit and candles placed in church to aid reflection. Sacred organ music will be played. Subject to government and church easing of restrictions, we intend to offer an Advent Service at 10.45am on Sunday December 6th. There will be special readings and the opportunity to listen to some advent music.**

**Christmas:** - There will be a service of Morning Worship on Sunday December 20th at 10.45am.

**New for Christmas Eve - Following the Star** - Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold our Christmas Crib service this year . We know this will be a disappointment to many for whom this has long been a family and village tradition. However we hope everyone will feel able to take part in our Christmas celebrations by **following the star**.

#### Give a Star and Take a Star ★

**First Paint a Star Stone from Sunday December 13th.** Stones will be available for decoration via the church porch from Sunday December 13th. Please collect your star stone and decorate it with a star or stars. Ideas for decorating stones will be on our St Peter Osmotherley Facebook Page.

**Then Collect your Star from Sunday December 20th.** From Sunday December 20th, stars will be hung in the bushes outside St Peter's. Please take one and decorate it and place in your window in the days before Christmas Eve.

**A sheet providing ideas for decoration is enclosed.**

**What about the stones?** You are invited to place your star stone safely on the sides of the steps going up to St Peter's Porch **between Monday Dec 21st and Thursday December 24th.**

#### Christmas Eve: Follow the Star Any time between 1pm and 6pm

Follow the star stones up the candlelit steps to St Peter's porch and view the crib. You may also hear some Christmas music. This is an opportunity for everyone to follow in the steps of the shepherds as they followed the star to Bethlehem that first Christmas.

**Christmas Day** - There will be a Christmas Eucharist at 10 45am.

**We send everyone our Best Wishes for Christmas and look forward with renewed Hope to a Peaceful New Year in 2021.**



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## **Osmotherley Area Parish Council-19th Nov 2020**

The parish council continued to meet virtually to discuss the pressing matters of the village. We welcomed the successful holding of the Remembrance Sunday ceremony in the village and a big thankyou to all involved in the safe holding of this important annual event.

Yorkshire Water will be in the village from 23rd November for 5 weeks replacing the main along West End and Clack Lane. There will be traffic control measures in place however the work will hopefully be largely in the footpath. The Play Area will be improved following some decay in the structure of some of the equipment. It is hoped this will be completed before Christmas.

It was reported in last months newsletter that we were in favour of retaining the sets along West End however after listening to residents concerns and talking to NYCC officers it was agreed that we should support replacement rather than continued repair.

The village has had work to all grass areas and work has been carried out in the Cemetery to improve space availability and overgrowth of shrubs and trees. A new Caretaker is required for the village moving forward and an advert in this edition of Messenger provides details.

The bus shelter has had repairs and decorating works carried out and revised plans have been submitted to NYM for the proposed public conveniences revamp. The council was asked to support the revision of the route on the Cleveland Way to get closer to Lady Chapel. Concerns were expressed as to why the route simply didn't go up the track to Lady Chapel and exit onto the revised route. The Clerk was asked to relate this to NYM. The church has given approval for the QC to move its gas bottles into a separate container in the churchyard and a new wire cage will be constructed asap.

Three planning applications were approved and the accounts presented and approved. Check the village website at [www.osmotherley.org.uk](http://www.osmotherley.org.uk) for updates.

### **Osmotherley Area Parish Council – Grasscutting Contractor Required**

We are seeking the services of a self- employed contractor to undertake grasscutting and maintenance work in the village. The contractor must supply own equipment and have insurance cover. Hours of work will be approximately 50 hours per month during March until October each year.

Additional hours may be agreed with the Clerk as required.

Please submit your quote for the 8 month contract to the Clerk before 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at [clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com) or enquire for further information.

**Welcome Pack** - The updated Welcome Pack is available to all new residents. If anyone has new neighbours or knows of any newcomers to the village, please drop an email to: [anosywelcome@gmail.com](mailto:anosywelcome@gmail.com) or contact either Chris Edmonds 408 or Hugh Thompson 479 so that we can drop off a COVID friendly pack. As it is a particularly difficult time for house moves and with current restrictions limiting social contact, the group would welcome your help in identifying our newcomers.

**Lockdown Reminder** - A reminder that people have legitimate reasons to travel during lockdown, so can we ask everyone to be considerate. An incident has occurred in Osmotherley which is totally unacceptable, leaving the person concerned in a state of great distress. The incident has been reported to the relevant authorities. For full details of what is permitted during Lockdown go to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Thank you.

**Osmotherley Film** - As we all face-down the end of the year, we send our best wishes to all our members, past audiences and the local community at large. We wish you a safe, healthy winter and an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period, even if this year it is not quite the traditional norm. We look forward to the months ahead with hope that it won't be long before some 'normal' can begin to return.

Osmotherley Film will continue to follow what is and isn't possible and we continue to hope that before too much of 2021 passes, we will be able to activate our Big Screen once more and get back to enjoying what we love to do: bringing the world of cinema into our midst. At any time, we can be contacted via email at [osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com)

# Pre-School

Pre-school currently has 14 children on the register and continues to thrive. Staff and children are coping well with new routines and the changes we have made to the layout of resources. Covid 19 risk assessments are now well established; unfortunately they have meant that parents are not allowed entry inside the setting. Children (and staff) have their temperatures recorded upon arrival and all parents wear face masks when dropping off and collecting their children. Staff wear face masks or visors when meeting and greeting parents and we continue to be guided by government, the NHS and NYCC.

Since our return in September, we have also been able to facilitate the wraparound care that pre-school normally provided, in school, so that we maintain 'bubbles' of children. It is reassuring that many of our very young children can explain why we all need to wash our hands more frequently or rub sanitiser onto them; their response to why things have changed is often "because of the virus".

Unfortunately, we will not be able to perform our Christmas songs in St Peter's this year but Christmas will still be made special for our children .... just watch this space, planning is already in progress!

I would also like to ask readers to save match boxes for us, empty ones of course ... they are a very useful resource so if you have any, please just post them through our letterbox and we will ensure they are sanitised before use.

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The classes are livestreamed via Zoom and no previous experience of yoga is necessary. All you need is a screen (laptop or iPad are preferable) to take part in the class, loose comfortable clothing, some floor space and a mat if you have one. Clare Walker is British Wheel of Yoga teacher based here in Osmotherley village and is offering Breathing and Relaxation classes every Thursday from 2 – 3pm. If you'd like to join in contact Clare on 07595873221 or email [claremwalker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claremwalker@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Dates for your Diary

### December

Tues 1st - Get your lights up and light up our villages.

Sun 6th, 10.45am. Advent Service, St Peter's.

Wed 9th, 2-4pm. Open for private prayer and reflection. St Peter's.

Sun 13th, 2-4pm. Open for private prayer and reflection. St Peter's.

Collect a stone to paint from the church porch.

Wed 16th, 2-4pm. Open for private prayer and reflection. St Peter's

Sun 20th, 10.45am - Service of Morning Worship. St Peter's.

Collect a star from the church bushes

Mon 21st -Thurs 24th. Place your star stone on the steps up to St Peter's Porch

Thurs 24th, 1-6pm. Follow the stars at St Peter's to view the crib.

**Carols around the tree** - Sadly this year we are unable to hold the much loved annual coming together as a village to enjoy Carols Around the Christmas Tree.

Hopefully, we will all be together again as a village next year, singing and wassailing around the Christmas Tree, but for 2020 the Village Hall wish you a very safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2021.

## Osmotherley Community Group: Planning for the Future

What a different year 2020 has been! As we look towards 2021, we cannot be certain of what lies ahead but we continue to remain hopeful that there will be new opportunities for our community.

Over the past few months, people in our community have come together to support and care for each other and it is in this spirit that we are beginning to shape our future plans

It is still not clear how and when our regular coffee mornings and soup lunches can recommence in ways that ensure everyone's safety but in the early part of the new year, we would like to trial a few ideas as we begin to gain confidence and restore ways of meeting together.

### Take away Soup

We are always pleased to work with other groups and individuals towards our common goals of serving the community.

Starting in January, we hope to work alongside Fiona at The Coffee Shop to provide one or two take away soup lunches.

These will operate on a 'click and collect /timed basis' and will draw on both Fiona's expertise in providing take aways and The Community Group's recent experiences of offering timed events. We also hope to offer a delivery service.

Sadly at this stage, we are not in a position to offer indoor sit down events but we are hopeful that over the first few months of 2021, we may gradually work out a way forward.

Look out for further details in January.

### Summer Festival

We all need something to look forward to. We are planning to hold a summer festival around Midsummer - final dates to be confirmed in 2021.

The theme of the Festival will be 'At Your Gate' and we will be hoping that everyone will think about ways to decorate the garden gate - or front door - to celebrate Summer.

The festival will not only offer an opportunity to come together, but will also provide everyone with something to do over the coming winter months.

Think about what you could make to sell at your garden gate - homemade crafts, cakes, homemade jam, honey, flowers, lemonade, art work etc. This is not intended to be an excuse to get rid of unwanted goods but an opportunity for people to share their skills and talents!

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07511189681

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